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Dear EGS expressive arts community

If we would speak in the language of gestures, it would be like this: one hand protecting my heart, the other hand up in the air, waving. Waving again. We all are effected by the pandemic situation due to the corona virus. We are in it together, together yet alone, alone yet together. We all are monitoring this process while protecting ourselves to protect others.

The EGS executive board plans to do the summer school 2020. AHS division Arts, Health and Society decided to develop expressive arts based online session structures and aims to enable students to begin, continue or complete their studies and to receive the credits. With online learning and teaching we can keep the summer school dates, activities and curricula as planned, and the 'social distance' is guaranteed. Our financial aids options are in place, including work studies. We will adjust the tasks accordingly. We keep you updated with more details of our online 2020 summer school.

It is in these moments that it is more important to be united as a community and to imagine together how to respond creatively to this situation. We might feel alone, yet nobody should feel lonely. We luckily have the arts at our side to recreate hope, and build resilience. We can help each other to feel connected and held by the community of expressive arts.

We understand that during this challenging time you might need extra assistance. Should you want to make use of individual advisement, please feel free to email for the CAGS/Ph.D. program the program director José Miguel Calderon, jose.miguel@egs.edu. For the MA program and continuing education our student advisor and assistant to the Dean Anna Fenech anna.fenech@egs.edu or the Dean of the Division AHS Margo Fuchs Knill margo.fuchs@egs.edu

We look forward to see you virtually this summer, a very tender summer and celebrate together our 25th anniversary – we need each other, even more so in this time of crisis

Margo and the AHS team

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